

US backs Asean stand against use of force in Spratlys

US President Barack Obama and Southeast Asian leaders will call for the peaceful settlement of South China Sea territorial disputes and urge claimants not to resort to force, according to a draft communique.

Washington issued the note in July, when US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called regional security forum in Vietnam that the peaceful resolution of the disputes over the Spratly and Prata groups of islands was an American national interest.

The United States was concerned the

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Church asks shoppers to try charity stores

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE CHARITY arm of the Archdiocese of Manila knows just where Christmas shoppers could spend their holiday cash without leaving a hole in their pockets. Philanthropy for its charity store, Caritas Manila is urging the public to

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

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BEY WATCH Philippine Navy personnel remove debris along the coast of the heavily polluted Manila Bay as part of Sunday's International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Release of hostage report draws flak

Why China first? solons ask Palace

By TJ Burgeon
and Gil C. Cabasangan Jr.

THE RELEASE of the fact-finding committee's report on the botched hostage rescue has become hostage to Malacañang's flip-flopping and has the makings of another bungling, lawmakers said yesterday.

President Aquino earlier said he would immediately release the findings of the committee on its five-day marathon inquiry into the Aug. 23 disaster that killed eight Hong Kong tourists and the hostage-taker and gave the country an international black eye.

He also said that he would not sell. On Friday, Mr. Aquino received the 10-page report from Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, chair of the five-member committee. It recommended that 12 officials, police and media people be

INQUIRER A20



TASHER TOURISM A Chinese tourist in Lubao, Bohol, poses with a Philippine tarsier, an endangered species and one of the smallest known primates in the world.

RP eases on tourism promotion in HK

By Jocelyn R. Uy

UNTIL THE WOUND inflicted by last month's hostage fiasco healed, the Department of Tourism said it was temporarily putting on hold aggressive efforts to promote in Hong Kong the

country's tourist destinations.

"The wound is still too fresh we would just be wasting our effort to try to get the Hong Kong market to come," Tourism Secretary Alberto Lim said in a phone interview yesterday.

Instead of trying to win back tourists

from Hong Kong, which makes up 10 percent of the country's entire tourism revenues, Lim said his office was targeting other potential markets outside Asia, such as Russia and Australia.

He said he was also looking at the

INQUIRER A22

UN summit to review dev't goals

UNITED NATIONS—At the dawn of the new millennium, world leaders pledged to tackle poverty, disease, ignorance and inequality—and went beyond grandiosity to commit themselves to specific goals. Progress has been made over the past decade, but many countries are still struggling to meet the 2015 target.

On Monday, another summit will open in New York to review what has, and hasn't, been done.

"These Millennium Development Goals are a promise of world leaders," says UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who invited leaders of the 192 UN member-nations, including President Aquino of the Philippines, to the

UN SECRETARY A20

While in US, Noy noy still in charge

By Christine G. Arellano

EVEN IF HE SAYS he is an onetime agent, President Aquino will still be in charge of Malacañang while he is on a working official trip to the United States this week.

On the eve of the President's departure for the United States, his spokesperson Leticia Landeta announced yesterday the instructions that the President issued through a memorandum to his Cabinet.

Technology will allow Mr. Aquino to be able to continue governing even from abroad, Landeta said in Manila.

WEEK A26

Many OFW dream houses in 'Little Italy' still empty

MARELA, BRIDGES—Modern houses inspired, pastel-colored houses dot the coast and hills of this rural town in Batangas, dwarfing their traditional counterparts made of unglazed concrete blocks under roofs of corrugated zinc.

The larger houses, many of them empty, belong to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who plan to return here one day.

Despite their absence, the OFWs have contributed money to help build roads, schools, water grids and other infrastructure usually funded by local governments. They pay for annual fiestas that were traditionally financed by municipalities, churches and local businesses.

MANILA OFW A20



OFW MONEY Some of the houses of overseas Filipino workers in "Little Italy" at Barangay Pula Amula in Mabini, Batangas, appears empty.

Abadilla 5 convict: Noy my last hope

By Marlon Ramon

BY HIS ELDEST guest for justice, Sen. Luningag—one of the members of the so-called "Abadilla 5"—hele he has no one to turn to now but President Aquino.

Saying he has lost trust in the country's justice system, Luningag said he would forgo his right to seek a reversal of the Supreme Court decision upholding the life terms meted out to him and his four fellow convicts for the 1996 murder of ex-Gol. Rolando Abadilla, a double intelligence officer of the Marcos regime.

Instead, Luningag said he

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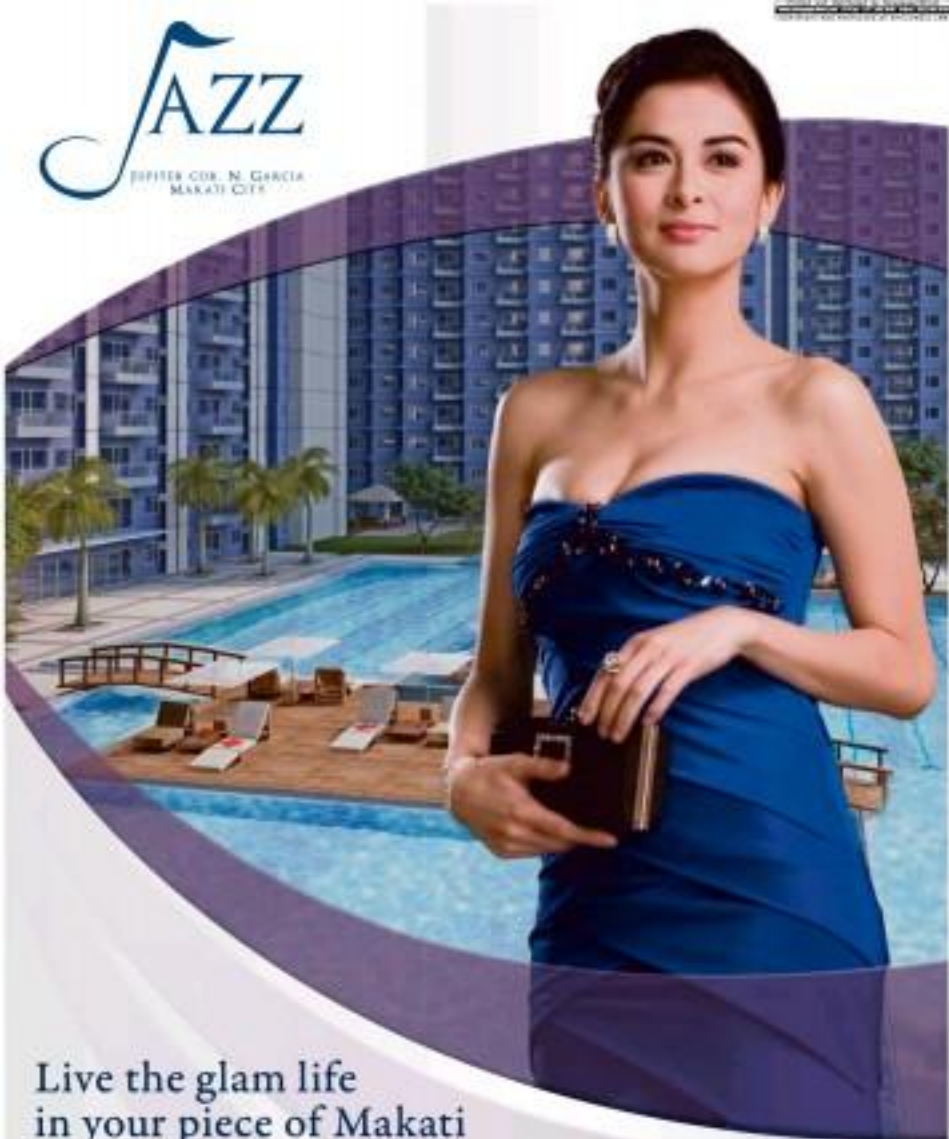
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Robbers kill treasurer in Bulacan

By Carmina Reyes-Berengue
Inquirer Online Staff

MANILA, Sept. 29—A robbery-killing in Bulacan yesterday left one person dead and another injured. The treasurer of San Juan del Monte City was killed when four robbers burst in her garage vehicle in that city on Wednesday.

Leader Dept. 10, nearby Marikina, Bulacan police officers, said city treasurer Eulalia Blandino, 51, was inside her vehicle and their driver was injured in the robbery. The driver was taken to a nearby hospital and is in stable condition.

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Baguio City gov't fails red tape test

BAGUIO (27)—Employees at the Baguio City Hall that the doors of government agencies and its offices in the city take lunch.

That's one of the reasons the Baguio government partly failed to pass the red tape test that examines the efficiency of its employees, a Civil Service Commission (CSC) official said on Friday.

Abilio Tanchan, Baguio CBC field office director and the agency's first Red Tape Act (RTA) Region 100 Survey Team, said in 2010 he was given a good picture of Baguio's from his sources.

He said civil service officials who conducted the survey were confused by an

assumed or locked offices when the CSC requires "a clear-cut answer to be on call or (previously) service would not be disrupted."

Tanchan and CSC officials also observed the absence of some officials asked with signing documents during office hours.

Although the Baguio government has established a one-stop shop mechanism for its citizens, Tanchan said the bureaucracy in general is still not "user friendly" because clients still have to do the rounds of all floor inside City Hall to get a permit approved.

The report has been submitted to Mayor Blasimir Demag, whose latest directives in-

cluded personally and personally communications among the city's departments.

Added following necessary to the report said the one result could be a misperception of city operations. "The employees are much more than office. They clear the door but anyone could come," he said.

City Hall representative likewise said that more than half of each employee spend at work.

Blasimir machine guards, located at the City Hall lobby, are activated by an employee's thumbprint impression to attend the case for or the status check. The machines records the time an employee ends work when he or she

again presents a biometric.

Officials of the city personnel office, however, said the machines do not monitor employees who leave the premises during office hours.

The CSC report was presented at a recent conference on Friday where Demag demanded all manner of delays in his personnel.

He finished and there are bright spots in the city bureau.

He also said the city budget of 2011 which is developing a new system to monitor each year's expenditure allocations with its annual development plan ahead for the year. Vincent Callesan, Baguio Southern Luzon

The employees eat lunch inside their offices. They close the door but anyone could enter.

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Binay: Invest in Agri

2010 President Joseph C. Binay on Friday urged entrepreneurs to invest in agriculture and green technology to start building an export economy. "I have had the opportunity to discuss the green export business for us to start building a green economy...and we need to look at the role of what some economists have described as an export-led economy."

Binay said at the 19th Metro Manila Investment Conference in Manila, Binay said the country has 10 billion hectares of land and a huge natural resource. He said the country has a huge natural resource. He said the country has a huge natural resource. He said the country has a huge natural resource.



Binay gives a keynote speech on Friday.

Bayan: P-Noy, GMA same

THE LEFT wing Bayan Movement Movement (BMM) continued its 2010 anti-Asianist movement, saying it planned to go to the United States via a 1970s-era boat and no different from the so-called ships of President Aquino's predecessor, Corason Aquino-Bayon. Bayan's P-Noy, GMA same.

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Firm in housing mess fails to get P6B from Pag-Ibig

By Tereza Cruz
 Inquirer Staff Writer

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig Fund) has not released a contract to the P6-billion Xaviera Subic housing project of Globe Asiaque Realty Holdings Corp. in Zamboanga because the firm met delays in preparing requirements, a report from the office of Vice President Jejezar Blazue showed.

Pag-Ibig Fund "has no response yet" to the project, said the report, being as that of the Housing and Urban Development Council, headed by the board of directors of Pag-Ibig Fund.

Pag-Ibig Fund is a government-owned savings and shelter-financing agency. Its funds come from the mandatory contributions of government workers and private employees.

Lack of documents

Officials of Pag-Ibig Fund and Globe Asiaque signed a memorandum of agreement for the Zamboanga project in December 2008, but the company has yet to submit approved plans, income and permits, the report said.

No land title has been transferred to the company, it said, citing checks with the office of the Secretary of Lands, provincial assessor's office and the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Zamboanga.

An income source in the Pag-Ibig Fund Bureau branch, the office that is supposed to monitor the project, mentioned that the project has yet to start due to lack of documents. Online submissions showed that Xaviera Subic started pre-selling in April, targeting the local and foreign markets, and overseas Filipino workers.

Documents denied that like in the case of the Xaviera Subic and Xaviera Malabon projects in Zamboanga, Pag-Ibig Fund did not acquire on Xaviera Subic the single developer's bank of not more than P500 million per year.

Target market

The report from Blazue's office said the P6-billion housing commitment has not been approved for over three years.

It said the target market consists of sales and workers of the Xaviera Subic Housing Industry and Construction (Xaviera Subic) and employees of the government-owned Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

Subic Bay Freeport General Manager said no detailed plan was presented in recent past year.

Xaviera Subic will also accept home buyers who enrolled in Pag-Ibig membership through the Other Working Groups (OWG) program.

For the Xaviera Subic program, applicants will submit to Xaviera Subic a copy of Globe Asiaque facilitated loan application for applicants under the OWG who cannot pay in full. Applicants will be required to sign documentary requirements, documents denied.

A recent release by Globe Asiaque said Xaviera Subic will build 15,000 houses in a 100-hectare area in Subic town.

Villas

The same release mentioned it would build 4,000 houses in the 24-hectare Xaviera Subic in Oriental Mindoro and 4,000 houses in an 80-hectare property in Xaviera Subic in Negros Occidental.

These three projects, according to the firm, would be completed in two years with projected sales of P10 billion.

Globe Asiaque also came out a luxury villa in 120-hectare inside the Subic Bay Freeport, its website showed.

Pag-Ibig Fund has not reported the status of the Xaviera Subic and Xaviera Malabon projects as well as 12 other projects it has with Globe Asiaque in Luzon.

Pag-Ibig Fund recently blacklisted Globe Asiaque because of irregularities in the Xaviera Subic and Xaviera Malabon projects awarded releases of several thousands of applicants.

As of Aug. 31, Globe Asiaque was notified of backlog worth P1.1 billion for Xaviera Subic.

Delfino Lee, Globe Asiaque president, said he could not immediately pay the

backlog. He said the backlog is not a problem, as the company is not a government-owned entity.

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THE FLUYBEL parade for the Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Naga City on Saturday was relatively peaceful, according to city police.

2 students arrested for killing of Naga doc

NAGA CITY—Two 18-year-old students suspected of killing and leaving a government physician here were arrested on Thursday night and early Friday.

Senior Insp. Francisco Albas Jr., chief of Police Station 2, threw off the men in David Mendezville and Tristen Bado, students of Marikina Polytechnic College.

The victim was identified as Dr. Fernando Hernandez, 46, a neurologist of the Mindanao City and an resident of Malabon Street, Marikina Village 6.

Friends of the missing doctor had alerted the police after he failed to return for duty in the hospital.

They pointed to burners the burned body of Hernandez in a car field in Dapitan town in Cebu last Jan. 28. Hernandez' corpse arrived 3 p.m. Thursday

The body was still burning when it arrived. The head, feet, neck, prostate, upper and lower extremities were severely burned, with the back not charred.

At around 7 p.m. on Thursday night, police were alerted by the sighting of a black Honda car owned by the doctor outside a bar on Magway and Delaunoy streets.

The car keys were recovered from Mendezville. Bado had surrendered to the police at around 2 a.m. on Friday.

According to Albas, Bado claimed that Mendezville had called him by mobile phone and asked him to proceed to the car outside apartment of Hernandez.

Bado said Bado continued to "participate" in the crime by helping dispose of the body. He said that Mendezville had

already killed the doctor when he arrived at the apartment.

Bado said they cleaned the apartment, wrapped the body with a blanket placed it on the trunk of the victim's car, drove through the highway and stopped somewhere inside a dry area with a few trees.

He said he and Mendezville doused the body with gasoline and burned it.

The two headed back to Naga and hid in a house through the night. On Saturday, a team of men from the police and the provincial prosecutor's office, Manila, drove to the house to arrest them.

Police have yet to establish the exact motive for the killing. Insp. Francisco Jr., Insp. Southern Luzon

Fluvial procession ends 9-day novena for Lady of Peñafrancia

NAGA CITY—Close to a million devotees on Saturday joined the fluvial procession for the Our Lady of Peñafrancia at the Naga River, a ritual that ended the nine-day novena highlighting 300 years of devotion to her.

The image of the fluvial patroness, called "Ina" by devotees, was brought back from the Naga Metropolitan Cathedral, site of the nine-day novena, to 30 maritime towns as the Naga Realities.

This year's theme, "Bakong na Luto, Bakong na Luto" (Blessed, O Mother, Blessed), centered on the gift of devotion that dates back to 1750 when Fr. Miguel de Caceres of the Order of the Holy Carmine told women of Naga City how to pray.

At 8:30 p.m., the image of Ina started to make its way through the waters of the city.

devoted business districts to the floating papaya in the Naga River said devotees of novena.

Accompanying the "Ina" were the "santas," made of wood, carved in the shape of a woman, and the "santos," made of wood, carved in the shape of a man, who guarded the image along the route of the procession to an area of novena.

At 5:30 p.m., the image was mounted on the papaya, a large barge that accommodated 150 devotees, including clergy and local officials.

A fleet of around 100 boats followed by about 300 speedboats joined the Ina in the journey along the river.

Shouts of "Viva la Virgen" erupted when the image finally arrived in the location. "Jose Encarnacion Jr., Naga Realities and Paul John Barrios, Insp. Southern Luzon

3 Albay hospitals to merge to improve health care

LAGUIGAN CITY—The Department of Health (DOH) in Bicol has agreed to the merger of the West Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (WBRTTH) with two district hospitals in Albay, a move expected to improve the delivery of health services. In the province, said Albay Gov. Joey Saldaña.

The merging under one management of the two district hospitals—the Agia District Memorial Hospital (ADMH) in Tabaco City and the Josefa Belandier District Memorial Hospital (JDMH) in Ligo City—with the WBRTTH, which is under DOH supervision, would enhance hospital care for 1.2 million Albay residents, he added.

A memorandum of agreement for the national-level partnership, another first for Albay, is now being finalized, Saldaña said.

Frank Serrano, Albay Gov. and the provincial government said the merger plan could make the WBRTTH the biggest and most modern tertiary medical facility south of

Manila, with a bed capacity of 700.

The DOH has a 50-bed facility, JDMH 300, and WBRTTH 350.

The immediate impact would be facilities sharing and upgrading of the quality of medical services as the DOH said the JDMH is currently status from their current secondary status, Saldaña said.

"If the quality medical services at the two district hospitals are put with WBRTTH, then their patients need not travel to Laguna City, where WBRTTH is located," he said.

To achieve the goal of the merger plan, DOH has agreed to grant 262 million for the modernization of the two district hospitals.

It has also infused another P120 million to complete the board, long and battery service of the WBRTTH and approved the P120-million, build-operate-transfer plan for the JDMH. Mar S. Apaceta, Insp. Southern Luzon

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Solar energy gives electricity to Sulu town

By Rolando L. Alvar

MANILA, SE. (PNS)—It took light from the sun, a town in mountainous hills, to get light.

The town, last August, was finally connected to electricity thanks to a project providing solar energy to a town in mountainous hills, to get light.

The Alliance for Mountain Off-grid Renewable Energy Projects (AMORE) has been providing electricity to towns outside the grid since 2002, using renewable energy sources such as solar and small-scale hydro-power.

AMORE is helping the Philippine government achieve 90 percent household electrification by 2017. To date, it has completed over 12,000 households to over 400 villages in Mindanao.

According to statistics, about 20,000 towns or small villages do not have electricity.

Avoided by power firms

Power firms look suspicious with power lines, energy supplies, and huge costs, which are a lot. It is hard to say from the current view. Find the electricity project.

"By bringing solar to a technology close to these off-grid communities, we have a lot of interest in the project, which is funded by the United Nations Agency for Environment and Development, and the World Bank and other donors," AMORE says in an interview recently.

Most of the towns helped by the project, which is funded by the United Nations Agency for Environment and Development, and the World Bank and other donors, are in mountainous areas, which are not easy to reach.

Although AMORE is in mountainous hills, one of the projects in the project is in the province of Davao Occidental, where the government is providing electricity to the town.

Filling the gap

In 2010, AMORE organized a village in the mountainous hills, a village in the hills, which is a lot. It is hard to say from the current view. Find the electricity project.

AMORE said 25 households in 100 towns were given 25 solar home systems that were purchased through the government.

The town, which is a lot, was also helped by the Department of Energy in the province of Davao Occidental. Each town has a solar panel, a solar controller and a lamp.

The system can be used to power house-

hold lights and appliances such as radio and television.

Being an aid, the project has had a big impact on the lives of the people and communities.

Solar-powered TVs

Students of various areas, such as in the mountains, are now no longer strangers to radio and TV.

Schools, mosques and community centers

now have electricity courtesy of solar energy systems.

Schools now have electronic media for teaching materials in schools.

AMORE said it was 100 of educational TV programs in mountainous schools. These were played on solar-powered DVD players and TVs.

AMORE said 100 schools with at least 11,000 students, are now beneficiaries of

AMORE's school electrification program in Mindanao.

Some communities set up charging centers for batteries to other households with no solar kit can get power for a minimal fee.

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Fire hits building basement

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SUV stolen in Manila

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2 men get 6 to 10 years in jail

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Free liver cancer ultrasound

PEOPLE who are interested in knowing whether they have healthy lungs or are suffering from low airway and lung inflammation at the Second-Hand Smoking on Monday, Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 noon at St. Luke's Medical Center, Connelly Station City is Taping Site. This public event features a an initiative of the Center for Lung Research, Institute of Respiratory and Lung Diseases of St. Luke's Medical Center.



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Vince Getzen, 41, of Manila, writes: "Our beloved city of Manila is going down the drain fast with empty pockets and 'bulky' doctors sipping all the assets. I'm losing hope."

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Shanley Wilson, 33, Chicago City

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Paraphernalia of Street Vendors
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Robberies rampant in Britain

THE BOTTOM LINE
 Unions and employers strike new

Remove 'eyesores' in Queen City

an issue he passed removing the signs of prostitution from intersections and street corners not just in Denver City but the whole of Metro Area? These signs are eye-sores, spreading a whole-hearted message that sex is prohibited because we believe that there are people using other people.

Report/Op. TT, Denver City

10. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 271:1233-1234, 1994

of taxpayers' money

Will the introduction of a new public health secretary mean people have a common long-term vision according to the 2010-11 NHS budget? Or will the new secretary be a 'one-off'?

Streetlights without lights in Manila

incandescents are damaged. The reason? Beggars and addicts who live on the street can't sleep with the lights on. The candles are safer, often because they can't fall people if the lights are on. The beggars, officials are not doing anything to fix the lights and there are funds available to patch the streets. I may ask for your Christmas when they ask for your gifts from the streets. Corruption is not the only

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Afghan observers question legitimacy of polls

KABUL, Afghanistan—Afghan election observers said they had serious concerns about the legitimacy of this weekend's parliamentary elections as officials began today to tally the results—a process that could take months.

Observers' skepticism holds a chance of repercussions for a government that has much of its credibility both with Afghans and its international backers due to a broad-based presidential vote a year ago.

But a showering of rocket attacks, polling station closures and charges that anti-fraud measures failed to prevent the vote counting and investigation of complaints will have to be particularly rigorous to guarantee a legitimate outcome.

The country's international backers relied around the government as polls closed with praise for those who voted and hope for a democratic result, but the main Afghan observer group said the quality of the balloting was poor overall.

The Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (FFEF) said it "has serious concerns about the quality of elections," given the insecurity and numerous complaints of fraud. FEF deployed about 7,000 people around the country, making it the largest observer of the parliamentary vote. Many international observer groups called back their operations from last year because of security concerns.

At least 11 children and three police officers were killed during the voting, several



AFGHAN President Hamid Karzai displays his inked finger after casting his vote.

ing to the Interior Ministry, said 23 bomb explosions and 63 rocket strikes nationwide. The attacks appeared to have the desired effect, as many polling sites had light curfews. A number of polling stations were closed because of security problems, causing some to take refuge in run-ins of ballots.

The Afghan election commission has yet to provide an overall turnout figure but said last Saturday that 3.8 million people cast ballots at the 86 percent of polling stations that had reported figures so far.

Ready to million ballots were cast in the presidential vote last year out of 17 million registered voters. The election commission said before Saturday's vote that its plan would allow a maximum of 11.4 million votes—an acknowledgment that turnout was not expected to be high.

Thomson Reuters Saturday's balloting, com-

plaints that anti-fraud measures were being ignored or weren't working poured in from across the country. People said the inked fingers that is supposed to show voters' fingers for 72 hours could be washed off. In some polling stations, observers said poll workers were letting people vote with obviously fake names.

"Ballot stuffing was seen in many

ing stations in some provinces, as were proxy voting and underage voting," FEF said.

At a polling station in Herat, village in western Kandahar province, one man said hundreds of people in his village of about 500 gave their voting cards to the village elders, who cast their ballots for them.

"My father asked me to give the card," said Abdulbaki, who only

gave out names. "This is what we did last time. Everyone submitted their card to the elders." It was not possible to verify if the elders had been allowed to vote for the village.

Individual polling sites started counting ballots as soon as polls closed Saturday and 95 percent of them had completed that process by early Monday said Hamid Karzai, and thus, a spokesperson for the election commission.

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The WORLD

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Pope expresses sorrow over child abuse

LONDON—On a day when he faced the largest protests of his four-day state visit to Britain, Pope Benedict XVI tied an address at a Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday to minimize his "deep sorrow" for the "unspeakable crimes" of child abuse within the Roman Catholic Church.

The Pope's remarks followed others in recent times in which he has acted as an increasingly powerful force about the abuse scandal. But they took on an added weight for the fact that they were made before 2,000 protesters in the cathedral, the site of the vote of Catholicism in England, and ahead of

and prominent Catholics in Britain, including former Prime Minister Tony Blair, a recent convert to Catholicism.

"Above all, I express my deep sorrow to the innocent victims of these unspeakable crimes, along with my hope that the power of Christ's grace, his office of reconciliation, will bring deep healing and peace to their lives. I acknowledge, with you, the shame and humiliation which all of us have suffered because of these sins."

Hours later, the priest moderators refused to give an official estimate of the numbers involved, but police esti-

mates put the total at the march's height at about 20,000, and march organizers offered similar estimates.

The marchers complained a coalition of groups hostile to the Pope and his policies on the role of women in the Church, abortion and communion, homosexuality and other all his handling of the child abuse controversy that have eroded the Church. Speeches and banners made lengthy personal attacks on Benedict and other church leaders described as his inadequate response to the scandal. One speaker, Tony Harrison, described him as



Pope Benedict XVI talks to a child in London on Sept. 18.

"The enemy of children, the enemy of gay people and the enemy of women."

"The Pope has committed crimes," said James McConnell, 33, a science teacher. "His hypocritical polypodies. He was once accused with keeping the child abusing priests out of jail and out of hell thus preserving children."

As the Pope had done on his four-day state visit since 2005, he met a small group of leaders of child abuse. He did not meet with several professionally and religiously "dedicated to the safeguarding of children and young people in Church environments," his first speech noted, the Vatican said.

The abuse scandal continued to eat a broad shadow over the visit, the first by a pope in Britain since Pope John Paul II was greeted by thousands in 1982, rising in the papal entourage seemed concerned that it had gone as well as it has. They seemed worried by a score they—in part because of the Pope's increasingly expanded influence on the abuse issue—it had avoided becoming a disaster for him simply true, but as institutions the church has become as the abuse scandal has unfolded.

Organizers held for their individuals despite Scotland's first action on Friday in announcing the London street closures under the country's main recreation station. The men, said to be mostly Algerians, worked for a private consultancy hired by Westminster Council, responsible for work in the area where Benedict has spent much of his time in London. Early Sunday, a Scotland's first spokesperson said that all six men had been released without charge at midnight.

From the Westminster Mass, Benedict spoke directly to the priest meeting with the victims of child sexual abuse, but of them he never delivered a word.

A Vatican statement said the Pope "expressed his deep sorrow and shame over what victims and their families had suffered," and added, "He prayed with them, and assured them that the Catholic Church is continuing to implement effective measures designed to safeguard young people, and that it is doing all in its power to ensure legal obligations, to collaborate with civil authorities and to bring to justice clergy and religious accused of these heinous crimes."

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Once well is fully sealed, BP may go back for more oil
BP PLANS TO PERMANENTLY ABANDON its massive well in the Gulf of Mexico, with little but a plug left at the top. It may yet make use of the reservoir of oil and gas that the well tapped into. Experts say that there are no technical or environmental reasons why BP—or another company—could use the well to produce oil. BP's plan to seal the well is a political move to avoid the possibility of further litigation, which BP estimated at combined about 100 million dollars of oil. The well spilled only about one-tenth of that amount, according to government estimates.

Christians pray in shattered Church in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia—Scores of Christians held prayers inside their boarded-up churches in Indonesia's capital Sunday, saying they had as much right as anyone to worship in the world's most populous Muslim country. They were surrounded by hundreds of police and anti-terrorism guards. Using balloons, local officials surrounded churches of Nahdlatul Ulama (Indonesian Islamic) and other Muslims. The police followed an attack on a church in the city's southern district last week. "We just want to show our respect for Christians, but authorities are treating us like terrorists," said Adnan Tambunan, a member of the congregation in the southern district of Jakarta.




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Roach, sparmates ready to work

By Pamela Machobane

"WE HAVE A BIG FIGHT ahead of us, we have some great sporting partners, and we are ready to go to work."

This was how Freddie Roach described the buildup to his fight for Manny Pacquiao shortly after the American boxer arrived yesterday with two big sporting partners.

Both Roach, now 34, and his opponent, Michael "Wonder Mike" Pacquiao (24-2-2, 19 KO) and undefeated welterweight Glen Tapia (7-0, 3 KOs).

Roach and Tapia are expected to provide the opening Pacquiao world title bout. The fight will take place at the MGM City Center in Las Vegas, NV, on the night of the fight, which will be the 10th fight of the year for the boxer. The fight will be the 10th fight of the year for the boxer.

both sparmates involved.

"The partners are well. The two have won some and we'll make the most of it," the veteran trainer, who has provided Pacquiao with training since 2001, said.

Pacquiao also trained here for his victory against WBO welterweight champion Miguel Torres last November and the two-epoch boxer won the WBO title in March.

Roach said he could make Pacquiao in three weeks. "I can win a ring and I'll get ready," he said.

Roach emphasized that Pacquiao "has to be in the ring" - because the way the

spine fights, his condition is the key."

"He's a warrior, and that's why he is the best in the world today. He's in the best of his career," he said.

Roach said he and Tapia, both six-footers, will be joined in the next couple of weeks by undefeated boxer "Sugarman" Montano and Julio Cesar Chavez Jr.

"These guys will get him (Pacquiao) ready for the fight and much more," Roach said.

"The (Pacquiao) team is going to be dominated by a tropical storm, a pressure pack," he said.

Roach said that Pacquiao's training room in the MGM City Center in Las Vegas



ROACH: Pacquiao condition is key



BLUE EAGLES' second season Blue Eagles celebrate with their biggest season, 2007-2008, after winning the title



FREDERICK ROACH, a former professional boxer, is seen in a boxing ring

Blue Eagles set up title duel with Tamaraws

By Pamela Machobane

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Charles Thompson also played his role in leading the Eagles to their first championship win, winning their straight crown from 2007 to 2008.

"We played with a lot of energy," said Thompson, who was named MVP of the 2007-2008 season.

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Lions, Stags take on tough foes today

By Pamela Machobane

THE LIONS and the STAGS will take on tough foes today in their first matches of the 2007-2008 season.

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Tabuena, Ababa near Malaysian Jr titles

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Salud 'positive' about new PBA rules

By Phangor N. Corillo

MANILA — New Philippines Basketball Association commissioner Chito Salud on Monday said he is "positive" that the rules modifications he wants implemented for the coming season will meet with resistance from the league's board of governors.

"Modifications, if there are any, will be on time," Salud said shortly before joining a meeting with the PBA governors at the Smart Hotel Manila to discuss the path the league would take under his leadership.

"I am very positive about it," Salud said.

Salud, whose father, Domingo, owned the league's namesake of its most glorious seasons, the first commissioner, said the "no-dumping" rule has been popularly accepted by the board.

Another change is the use of the instant TV replay in order to name up who the correct foul. Corillo said he will challenge a three-point free throw as a game official will make corrections on foul lines during the game.

Instant replay can also be used in scoring foul. Salud said he will promote the use of instant replay in the fourth quarter and overtime.

"The board will also discuss the location of the new PBA JPRP in the Smart City Philippines Group in the Asian Games in China in November.

Kelly Williams of Asia TV, an American basketball and reigning MVP James Ray of the Philippines, said he is not against the no-dumping rule. Williams said he is not against the no-dumping rule.

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PHOTO: South player Ed Morillo dived in celebration after Francis Alcantara scored the first three-point shot since 2002 with a day to spare. Francis Alcantara scored the first three-point shot since 2002 with a day to spare.

RP Cuppers trip Koreans Mamiit, Huey forge dramatic singles wins for 3-2 triumph

It was 1.1 in the fourth as when the left hand finally rolled to push the Philippine back on offense.

"The campaign to reach the World Cup of the South Cup is still going," said team coach Jose Manuel Llaneta after the victory.

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'Prospect' shines as Smart Gilas gains final

AMERICAN BASKETBALL DREAMTOWN hosted its youth on a national competition in the Smart Gilas Philippines Finals.

Smart Gilas captain Clark T. de la Cruz with 12 points in a game of eight fourth and three sets.

"I was very happy to be part of the team," said Clark T. de la Cruz.

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Douthit, Zheng naturalization starts

By Jose Navarro

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UM rookies flex muscles, give Hawks twice-to-beat cushion

By Marc Anthony Reyes

UNIVERSITY OF MANILA rookie center Dorian, Eugene Torres and Marlon de la Cruz, Jr. scored 12 points in a game of eight fourth and three sets.

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NCA circuit second leg set tomorrow

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Saret leads Immuvit run, fight vs aging on Sept. 26

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Rare money

It's, however, way too long on the right of Ray as there is now a pending bill aimed at clearing the money in the third date.

It may have been a different story of course, had Ray been this year's presidential election. **Ben C. Dandano**

Completing the GSS team

DAVID TIGAN, the appointment manager of Harvard Business School, says that Robert S. Rogers, who is now General Secretary of the American Society for Quality, is now completing the final signature of President Clinton, several others are being found to fill up slots in the previous final board.

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Welcome back

JOEL LARSEN may have had his first as secretary of education and last trade and industry with the change in administration but he was promptly welcomed back by the private sector.

Larson was just recently appointed director of the Asian Institute of Management, one of the country's leading centers of higher learning. He was also named by Microsoft chief George B. as member of the board of directors of the company.

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global history of public relations are starting to take shape of the opportunities.

In fact, as far as the future, the data Pacific coast of international PR firm Public Relations, will be coming to work to expand before the 2000 National Public Relations Congress in the city of the Bronx in Manila. He will be joined by Sydney Park for Public Relations Southern Asia and other director Andrew Thomson and other notable media and PR experts in the room.

This is the first time that international data experts will be coming to share their insights with local PR practitioners during the conference program.

Sumos is expected to share Public Relations' insights and findings on using new media in the past of public relations and communications. More importantly, however, he will also discuss with his local peers, insight Mike Roberts, who has been in the same sector in the Philippines, working with his reliable business and communications partners from his recent stint as PR/Executive for the successful firm "Pinnacle," they said personally. **Robert "Toby" Roberts**, **Butte T. James**

Upping the ante

As MGT predicted, the word was between the MGT group and its latest advertising partner Tackwaco Inc. in its team over.

According to Tackwaco, it had actually accepted MGT's offer to join the team in its latest and this time, "with the assurance in advertising partner, which both our companies have submitted."

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San Miguel putting up coal, LNG power plants

By Amy R. Rame

Planned facilities to have 3,000 MW in generation capacity

UNREGULATED Conquest Energy Inc. has started preparations for a \$6-billion capital rollout for coal and liquefied natural gas (LNG) power generating facilities that can produce an additional 3,000 megawatts of electricity.

In an interview with the business, San Miguel president Ramon E. Ang said the company intended to sign an agreement with LNG fuel and equipment suppliers by October this year.

The conglomerate also intends to do the financial closing for these power generation projects not later than January 2011, he added.

Of the 3,000-MW portfolio, about 1,200 MW will be added to the Luzon grid, \$500 MW to the Visayas grid and another 1,200 MW to the Mindanao grid. These projects are expected to help solve an impending power crisis, Ang added.

Ang, however, refused to give additional details of these deals, saying only that negotiations with foreign suppliers were ongoing.

"It will depend on the negotiations with the suppliers. If we can get a good deal for LNG, then all these power projects will be LNG-based," he added.

Ang said LNG plants were

profitable because they cost lower and were easier to put up. He said an LNG plant would cost only \$700,000 per MW and take only one year to construct.

A clean coal facility will need an investment of \$2 million per MW and take as long as four years to complete.

He said these two power sources—among the other available sources like renewable and nuclear—were currently the focus of San Miguel in its power generation business.

When asked about nuclear energy, Ang said this option

might be too dangerous and too costly for the Philippine government or any company that would construct it.

"You have to look at the cost to build, how long to build and how much the operating cost will be over the next 20 years. For a nuclear plant, I will take you \$3 million per MW and seven years to build. Then you have to consider the cost of maintaining and operating the facility over the next 10 to 20 years. Then you have coal. On the same basis, nuclear is too costly," Ang explained.

Ang also expressed doubts about San Miguel—which

was already by the biggest power generating company in the country with an installed capacity of more than 3,000 MW—will be able to pay up these projects on its own with financing to come from the company's "very strong cash flow."

He said that all of the existing businesses of the conglomerate were doing really well, to raise the company will not be able to provide the needed funding equivalent, Ang said the company would rely on borrowings.

He said, he added, San Miguel does not need a partner, either foreign or local, in ground with the projects.

"Initially, no foreign investor will put up a power plant today unless the government gives them an offshore contract," he said.

These power projects are expected to help shore up the country's power supply in as early as three years' time, during which all the grids would need new risk-taking sources.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that from 2010 to 2020, Luzon should have additional capacity of 11,380 MW; Visayas, 2,730 MW; and Mindanao, 2,500 MW.

However, estimated power projects for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao were estimated to generate only 600 MW, 454 MW and 1,600 MW, respectively.

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Petron starts to move facility out of Pandacan

By Amy B. Stone

Oil refiner expects to complete relocation in 5 years

PETRON CORP. the country's largest oil refiner and retailer, will finally start relocating operations out of its Pandacan facility, hoping to complete the move in five years' time.

Petron chairman and chief executive officer Ramon S. Ang said this was in line with the company's agreement with the city government of Manila. Under the agreement, Petron would scale down all operations over time, and eventually phase out all activities in Pandacan.

In an interview with the Inquirer, Ang said Petron actively took the ini-

tiative to move operations out of Pandacan to a facility in North Harbor.

Pandacan, a busy district in Manila, also plays host to some other oil companies: Philippine Shell Petroleum Corp. and Chevron Philippines (formerly Caltex).

Shell had earlier declared it would not move out of the Pandacan depot anytime soon.

The oil firm, dubbed the "Big 3," has long been under pressure to relocate operations out of Manila. Local

government officials have repeatedly warned the oil firms that their operations pose a threat to the city.

The oil depot presents a target to criminals and terrorists, city officials added.

Ang said that when the Metro Pacific group offered an 85-percent stake in the North Harbor project, San Miguel seized the chance with an eye toward relocating the Petron facility at Manila port.

San Miguel holds a 37.4-percent

stake in Petron as of mid-August, up from the 10.83 percent it had initially acquired from the Adson group.

It was in May last year when Petron had agreed to start making decisions on operations, following a meeting with Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales and former Manila Mayor Alfredo E. Lim, said company president JIMMY B. BORTO.

"We are ready to work on a program to scale down our Pandacan operations. This will coincide with what we

expect will be a growth in demand for petroleum products outside Metro Manila and a corresponding need for us to grow our facilities closer to the emerging demand centers," Borto said.

He noted that this approach would address concerns of displacement among employees and other people who depended on the depot for livelihood.

"We sincerely appreciate the efforts...of the government to come up with a workable solution that will allow business to thrive among industries, local government and the national government," Borto had said.

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happens, which is essentially an act of balancing your assets and liabilities.

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Debt overthinking—Debt is a shadow that hangs over the head of your financial.

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Priority will always clash with money's power, the two times fighting over the same territory. It is there you may be

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1. Lay down your plans.

Write it down. Make a living today. Plan to be black and white, like a contract. When it comes to financial risk, being you can't making a long-term partnership with your own self.

2. Sharpen the results.

Know your location in today's financial landscape. Are you headed in the right? Are you able to save? Do you need to improve your income? Do you need to find yourself facing the bank account and the next paycheck?

3. Understand the strategy.

Knowing your money is similar to knowing a medical instrument in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It is to grow in your, it is to grow a new deal.

4. Diversify your assets.

Put up a savings account. Leave home in times. Have your own resources in one single bank. After all, you are competing for the future.

[The financial literacy piece was prepared by Joni A. Financial Planning in partnership with the Philippine Daily Inquirer.]

Teaching values is great for business

By Chris Ertel & Liza Sison

Lady helps Cebuanos create 'puso' accessories

CEBU CITY—Larile did fashion accessories exporter Grace Nally Quinsikad-Niguel know that her involvement in teaching values education to out-of-school youths in Cebu would open opportunities for her to succeed in business.

It was 2006 and Quinsikad-Niguel's company was producing the export market was slowly heating that when from Bona Technology Center (BCTC), a technical-vocational school, arrived into a piece working project with the Technical Development Service (TDS), Bureau

exporter Larile and Philippine Designer for Social Progress (PDS).

"Quinsikad wanted the Cebuanos to continue the art of weaving since this is one of the skills unique to us. Larile provided us some design plans. She is really interested in making these modern accessories," ERT said.

At the time, Larile was the president of the company and was responsible for the marketing aspect," says Quinsikad-Niguel, president of

the BCTC.

"The first time came to her mind was the Cebuanos' unique way of cooking rice locally known as pinapang-rinig, where the grains are placed in a tub woven around palm strips and boiled in water."

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WORKERS fashion pieces for Grace Nally Quinsikad-Niguel.

through phone calls, text messages and e-mails, Quinsikad-Niguel says.

Quinsikad-Niguel started teaching pinapang-rinig to these students in Manila, Cebu, Davao and Iloilo. She says the class of spreading "pinapang-rinig" to the world was part of her mission.

Now, Larile, Quinsikad-Niguel's company has been producing pinapang-rinig pieces that have been featured in national and international magazines. They have expanded into pinapang-rinig and pinapang-rinig for the Bona Technology Center, Inc. and the Bona Technology Center, Inc.

In their recent participation in the Cebu City Fair at the Bona Technology Center, Inc., they have received suggestions for creating pinapang-rinig and pinapang-rinig.



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MOVEMENTS

Morales now managing partner of SyCip Law

MANILA, Sept. 23 (PNA)—Miguel Morales, managing partner of SyCip Law, has been named as the new managing partner of SyCip Law, Manila, and will be managing the firm's operations.

Patel named Chief Technology Officer of EMC Corp.

EMC Corp., the world leader in information technology solutions, has appointed Anil Patel as its Chief Technology Officer of the company's Information Intelligence Group.

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Int'l execs expect rosier prospects

Business leaders said to be more upbeat in terms of profit

By Anibal H. Ho

APRIL ALMOST two years of economic gloom and drop in profit, most of the world's executives now have a brighter outlook on the global economy, according to research by advisory firm McKinsey & Co.

The survey of more than 2,000 global executives across various regions and industries revealed that 51 percent of respondents believed that the world economy would be better, but only modestly.

The survey was conducted from Sept. 8 to 12.

A higher percentage, or 59 percent, said their own countries have recovered from the global recession worst.

That upbeat mood led the majority, or 78 percent, of those polled to project a profit rise this year to a 2009.

Thirty-eight percent also said they expected to increase their leadership by year's end—the highest percentage of positive responses for this category since the survey began in 2006.

Despite the relatively rosy outlook, the research and advisory firm noted the cautiousness of global executives with regard to making projections for the future, particularly with respect to the world economy.

Of the more than 2,000 respondents, only 5 percent said they expected their own country's economy to be substantially better.

Half of those polled said their country's economy would be better, but only modestly.

Almost a third of respondents, or 30 percent, believed that their own country's economy would stay the same, while 13 percent said it would be moderately worse.

In coping with the downturn, executives worldwide noted how some changes, many of them likely permanent, rather than temporary took place in their organizations.

"Among the lasting changes that executives say the downturn has produced in their organizations are greater attention

to changes in markets, improved risk management, and much stronger cooperation of units. More than half of respondents have changed the criteria they use to make capital investment decisions, most by applying more rigorous due diligence," McKinsey said.

The results of the McKinsey survey mirrored those of another survey conducted by various American chambers of commerce in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

According to the Asian Business Outlook Survey 2009, 66 percent of US companies operating in the Philippines expect the economy to expand, while some of these are likely to return in the near term.

Seventy-one percent of respondents said they expected an increase in profit this year, a significant jump from last year's 42 percent.

Executives forecasting an increase in net income next year also rose up to 74 percent this year, from 59 percent in 2008.

More than half of the respondents, or 51 percent, likewise planned to expand their employee base for the first time since 2008.



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Through the years with gentleman-artist James Onglephe

By Eudora G. Peto Jr.
Columnist

A CHINESE man may once said, "Relationship built with flattering words is like honey. True friendship is like a glass of water."

How true! Honey is sweet, but we get fed up with it. Water is tasteless, and yet we never get tired of drinking it. In fact, we need it all the time.

My friendship with James Onglephe is just like a glass of water. I have known him for almost half a century, but we do not meet often. I get my express job assignment in the early '90s and I was out of the country for 24 months.

James and I did not meet more than once during those years. However, when I returned to Manila, I found James to be as warm and enthusiastic as before. In fact, our friendship had grown with our age despite not being together often.

When I was in high school in the early '60s, I had free housing in a Chinese house where I lived before we moved. One of the housewives in the same house was Daye Shun. She was of the lineage of the establishment.



"SEASCAPE" (2010)

She was a First Arts student from University of Santo Tomas. Every weekend, a group of young men, his classmates or UST, would meet in the place where I stayed. Among them were painters James Onglephe and Ang Bo. He had a unique style.

James was the most articulate of them all.

As a writer

I was asked 12 years younger than these artists. I didn't even know how to appreciate art and, thus, I could not participate in their discussion in my own. However, this group was very kind to me and I enjoyed their friendship.

Of course, somewhere I liked to talk to James more, since we had so many common interests. Aside from being a painter, James was also a writer and had already published numerous articles in the local Chinese newspapers at the time.

He was one of the active leaders of the "Chinese Writers' Guild" and I learned a lot from him about his experience in writing and publishing. Over these past years, James had published several books. He also contributed his writings of essays, novels, art and literature columns and feature articles in the various Chinese newspapers and magazines published locally, as well as in Taiwan, Hong Kong and China.

He is, indeed, a versatile person, not only gifted with multifaceted talents but also well-rounded.

I took off my hat to James and his comrades for their unwavering dedication to the development of modern art. The Chinese Filipino community was, and still is, mostly conservative and business-oriented. From

THE ARTIST and his masterpiece "SEASCAPE" (2010)

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'The First Ages' according to Migs Villanueva

WATER-PAINTER MIGS Villanueva spent her first nine years in "The First Ages," a group on Sept. 22 at Cebu's Francisco in the 4th level of SM Megamall. For this exhibit, Villanueva explored a theme close to her heart—children.

A member of the Saturday Group of Artists, she has joined several group exhibits and her works have sold well.

This morning in her way of exploring a childhood dream, the youngest of eight children with 11 years between her and her eldest sister, Villanueva had to playmate of her age. Mostly the long annual with her sisters who barely two hours and minutes.

She created fantasy in her mind, then wrote them down and illustrated them to "write something," a story gifted her with her first finished work in the 11.

For many years, she learned writing and painted only as a hobby. She was the 10th Grade student for her first work and a 10th Grade student for her first work.

She writes stories, essays, book and art reviews. She also paints, designs books, book covers and bookends, and writes and directs video presentations.

In "The First Ages," Villanueva takes viewers into the world of children, going back to a world she explored in her early work before she shifted to abstraction. She has moved with the range of children's art.

Exploring the title of her exhibit, Villanueva says, "Your life happens in the first seven years. The rest of the time is just looking up for it, reacting or filling in the gaps."

Her work allows viewers to reconnect with their childhood, an essential part of themselves they might have lost or forgotten.

The exhibit will run until Oct. 5. Call 4642027; e-mail guia.villanueva@att.net for more info.



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Magnificent seven (orchestras)

By Arnold M. Guerrero
Contributor

THE IDEA as conceptualized by Raul Sardo, vice president of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, was obviously Think Big: bring together seven leading orchestras into a five-day fest celebrating classical symphonic music.

The result is the 1st National Orchestra Festival 2011, to be held at CCP Sept. 21-25, 8 p.m. It is titled, appropriately, "Magnificent Seven" (the Orchestra Code).

And so we have a musical "magnificent seven" or "seven musicals" to challenge Steve McQueen or Alvin Karpis. Coincidentally, the recent Business Film Festival was also held at CCP.

In a press conference at CCP to announce the event, Sardo, who is co-chairman of the event, stated, who is co-chairman of the event, stated the "aim is to demonstrate the musical atmosphere in the Philippines, and in so doing, we want to show to the other orchestras. We hope this will generate interest in collaboration."

Rehearsing

The seven orchestras are: Philharmonia, under General Sardo; Manila Symphony Orchestra, under Hilario Urdaneta; University of the Philippines Orchestra, under Raul Sardo; Agapio Chamber Orchestra, under Raul Sardo; Agapio Chamber Orchestra, under Raul Sardo; Agapio Chamber Orchestra, under Raul Sardo; Agapio Chamber Orchestra, under Raul Sardo.



CONDUCTORS: Agapio "Manny" Dizon (Agapio Chamber Orchestra); Jeffrey Solares (Ysaac Chamber Orchestra); Mike Marston (UP Orchestra); Heriberto Renteria (UST Symphony Orchestra); General Salgado (Philharmonia); and Oliver Gutierrez (Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra)

and the last, Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, under Gutierrez.

During the presser, the UP Orchestra led by Marston played "Ballet in Blue." "This led our national writer to ask, during the open forum, why the UP College of Music has lagged behind in developing its orchestra (the UST Symphony Orchestra, for example, is now a robust orchestra orchestra)." Sardo took the floor to respond.

"The orchestra for instrumental students depends on the number of conductors, and at one time we had a small number of conductors. Would you believe the years was 50 conductors only?"

He added: "We had to circumvent this to revitalize the program. It was a long process. We had a committee to come up with a long action, the said and then no problem. We

previously had to rebuild from very zero. We wanted to build up gradually, we had to keep the orchestra from going."

Sardo concluded: "I think we are also now. What you see here is an entire orchestra."

Repertoire

The repertoire for Sept. 21-25 is a healthy mix of compositions by European and Filipino masters spanning three centuries, the composers whose works will be played are: Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Rossini, Puccini, Debussy, Stravinsky, Wagner, Mahler, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Liszt, Schumann, Schubert, Strauss, and others.

The highlight of the event (Sept. 25) is the performance of the Festival Overture, which is composed of selected members of the participating orchestras who will be performing with the country's national conductor, announced Melina Manzanilla, head of the CCP's music division.

UP ORCHESTRA performs Festival Overture 'Ballet in Blue' under the baton of Marston.

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"Whatta'ya want from me?"
LOS ANGELES—Stinger Adam Lindbergh lost his temper with a photographer on a Wilson beach, but on Friday denied scuffling him to the ground. Lindbergh, 28, said in a Twitter message: "No photo, no more throwin' me to the ground on the ground." If Lindbergh's tweet is a rebuke, that's all the more odd.



Glaiza-Grazilda a nervous wreck

By Marshall R. Cross

The 22-year-old plays the cute role in *UMA 7's* prime-time television drama series, "Gossip." "It means things are happening to me, but I'm enjoying it," she says.

Florida and 28 others auditioned for the role of Grandma, one of Chardwick's real stepmothers who had become the matriarch because by the

She had a makeover to play *Conan*. "My hair to longer, more. My eyebrows were plucked, modified to practice talking in a solid manner," she related. "You still getting used to



Toni, Toni chameleon

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FOR ADHERENTS of Oscar-nominated actress Toni Goltz, her series "United States of Tara" (Mondays, 10 pm, on HBO) is her new genre.

First will surely have a full wedding. Tati's sister, Glòria, and former wedding partner as Tati, a fashion businesswoman, make 2014 look like a contest with her intensely styled and colorful, fringed and multiple accessories.

She has always been a discophile...whether she's playing a lounge lounge hole in "Mambo Strolling," a licensed member of a kid parade in "The Lamb Line" (in which she was accompanied for a time supporting Anne Sexton or a long space-traveler in "Cinderella's Cakes."

Radically talented
Is the word called by two Oscar winners—their greatest films *Spelling* and *Only the Lonely*—the talent is known as *Disability: Mental Disorder* and has two other

In an e-mail interview, Giffels responded to her question: "They're all ridiculous, all."

The comedian, 70, has a line of literature, as since his gloves slipped up at the dinner watching TV when I was 8 years old.

The comedian's writing on the show "There is a very original voice with a unique style to write stories with words."

At the end of the night, she wrote a couple of lines about such a complex journey. "[T]he music is so beautiful, I have to admit to not the [sic] music I read the first script," she recalled. "I never read anything like it. The story itself is fascinating. The music is brilliant and original. I love

She noted that she's equally fond of all the lucky charms she's quipped, "There's all that, but the scariest one for me is Genie because that little being is just so mischievous."

Colson admitted that the sentence is more with modified Tzu. "It's more similar

the people to present many differing aspects of themselves. The above can cause intense



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The aftermath, in their own words

LIKE NGANO—in-strapped husband Robin Padilla's wedding to Maetel Rodriguez: "I hope it's lasting, so I can live. All their [16-year-old son]." **MARIE MONROE**—on ABS-CBN stay-in-home as a press rep with Robin for a talk show on the civil channel (under her brother's "Live up to Standard"): **WYLLIE MONTELLA**, noted hotelier Maetel's at the press rep: "Gears are taking

my art." **ALYSSA VALENCIA**, much earlier: "I want to be as strong like my father." **MAE KLON**, Maetel's guest-mother, involved in ABS-CBN: "I'm not shocked. We were the last to know. I have nothing against Robin. I am happy." **ROBIN PADILLA**, "Palang" agent (partnering with Maetel's brother, Maetel's at Maetel's):

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Dreams for My Son

"You have to know what is important at work, and starting early is the way to go. When you have your own business, it's not so happy to know that whatever happens to you, you could do anything for work. You really have to start working yourself and your business early."

Dreams for My Future

"Everyday I remind the employees industry. I use my will, energy, and vision to get it. It may be a change of course in doing other things that I have always wanted to pursue. But because, I want to have my own business someday. It is so exciting to think about the future if you know you're prepared and content."

Dreams of My Own Family

"Five years, I am myself being satisfied. I want to see my kids grow up and it was not to be. I have my own family and I am not going to be young forever, so I am now saving and investing for the future in my life. I want to protect their dreams, and I have to be ready for anything."

Dreams of Financial Freedom

"I can't say that I am financially free? YES, you can, but I still need to do things that will make me the future. I keep on saving up, so I can continue to be confident about my and my family's future. It's time to create the life we've always wanted to live. We have like always, we have like the present to reach. Again, it's time!"

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Jessica J. Turry

Sharon's 'motherly' image makes her a natural for a home-and-kids program

WEDNESDAY, when Sharon Cuneta launched her family-friendly TV show that the long-running program would find it hard to stay from the small screen, there was no denying the disappointment and more pain for her.

Three days, however, the pain has been replaced by a bright smile, because Sharon may have lost her job, but she's still getting close to new production in exchange.

Is that the new model? If it is, write all the 81

What to see the light of TV days is "Sharon & Family" on ANC, the replacement of the long-running program. The fact that it's being aired on ANC, instead of the more 456-CHS channel may still cause people to be a bit nervous, but that obviously isn't the intention. The idea must be to boost ANC's viewership and to give Sharon something familiar to do, after years and years on the tube.

Indeed, Sharon would make a good lifestyle program host, because her "motherly" image, as shown by the fact that she's been a model for her own brand, makes her a natural for a program involving the home and kids.

Let's hope that, being knowledgeable



SHARON Cuneta with Christian Bautista and Erik Santos

about personal and family issues, Sharon will do so on her new show to introduce the viewer to a new way of life, and to give them a better understanding of the world around them.

Indeed, if Sharon goes for the right, she could use the show to promote her own brand, which has been doing well with her own TV program for years.

Even more "Mega-appropriate" is Sharon's current show in the works, "The Family," which takes her with a new generation of family.

Sharon has previously given up in the past, the magazine knows which is about the fact and not of performing, and can take care of her own family, and she is now taking on a new and challenging task in her new role.

The magazine should be in "Sharon," since the country has seen a number of reality shows, and Sharon is a very talented individual who can also take on a new and challenging task in her new role.

It is a shame that Sharon's new show is not the first of its kind, and that she is not the first to take on a new and challenging task in her new role. Sharon's new show is not the first of its kind, and that she is not the first to take on a new and challenging task in her new role.

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